

TWIN TRAWL FISHERY SAMPLING PRIORITIES

- **At a minimum 75% of the hauls** should be observed, *i.e.* complete catch information for both kept and discarded species is recorded. The number of hauls observed will be affected by trip and tow duration.
- Collection of length frequencies should occur at least after **every other observed haul**.
- If catches are light and time permits, the observer should sample every haul.
- Collect finfish length frequencies and age structures from **both nets** per haul.
- Obtain actual weights for as many species as possible.
- For length frequency and age structure sampling guidelines per stat area refer to Otter and Shrimp Trawl Sampling Priorities (pages 8-15) for priority status.

If it is not possible to biologically sample a particular haul according to protocol, the reason(s) should be noted in the comments section of the corresponding Haul Log.